

*Statement of Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan
upon the resignation of Judge Martin M. Doctoroff:*

“The Supreme Court’s feelings today are those of regret and gratitude. Regret, that Judge Doctoroff’s long and fruitful career on the Court of Appeals has come to a close. Gratitude, for all he achieved as a judge and a servant of Michigan citizens. On behalf of the Supreme Court, I thank Judge Doctoroff for his many years of service as a member of the Michigan judiciary.

“On a personal level, and as a former colleague of Judge Doctoroff on the Court of Appeals, I wish peace and happiness to him and his family.”

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Judge Doctoroff Resigns From Court Of Appeals

Chief Judge William C. Whitbeck of the Michigan Court of Appeals today issued the following statement on behalf of the Court:

It is with great regret, leavened by a profound respect and admiration, that I announce that Judge Martin M. Doctoroff has submitted his resignation from the Michigan Court of Appeals to be effective September 1, 2002. I have attached Judge Doctoroff's eloquent letter of resignation.

Judge Doctoroff has had a truly outstanding legal career. Governor Blanchard appointed him to the Court of Appeals on April 1, 1987 and the voters of his judicial district re-elected him three times, in 1988, 1992, and 1998. He has served on the Court of Appeals with great ability, great energy, and great devotion. He was our Chief Judge from 1992 through 1997 and was indefatigable in his efforts to obtain appropriate funding for our Court during a time of ever-increasing case filings. Judge Doctoroff has sterling academic credentials, graduating with a B.A. from Harvard College and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, and has distinguished himself as a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as a practicing lawyer, and as a highly respected member of our bench. His standards are high, he strives continuously for excellence, and he has achieved it.

As his friends and colleagues are aware, Judge Doctoroff was stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis – commonly known as ALS or "Lou Gehrig's disease" – three years ago. He has faced the great physical adversity that comes with this disease with grace, dignity, humor and, above all, with simple courage. He leaves us with his head held high and with the best wishes and the prayers of every member of our Court.

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May 28, 2002

MARTIN M. DOCTOROFF
JUDGE

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Michigan Court of Appeals
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RE: Resignation

Dear Chief Judge Whitbeck:

With a deep sense of sorrow and personal regret, I am advising you of my decision to resign from my position as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals. My resignation will become effective on September 1, 2002.

My decision is influenced by two paramount considerations. First, it has become clear to me that, within the near future, I will need to devote significantly more of my energy to fighting the disease from which I suffer, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and that continuing on the bench may prevent me from doing that. Second, I am concerned that my deteriorating physical condition may ultimately affect my ability to fully and meaningfully perform all of my constitutional duties as a judge. I would be loathe to remain on the bench, if and when that moment were to come.

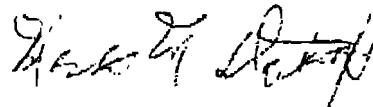
My tenure on this Court has been the highlight of my professional career. It has been an absolute honor to serve the People of this great state. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served as Chief Judge from 1992 through 1997, when my colleagues and I worked together to alleviate problems facing this Court, including its backlog. However, I am most thankful for the fact that, during my 15-year tenure, I have developed and nurtured friendships with many wonderful individuals – judges and non-judges alike. I cherish these relationships, which now, more than ever, help sustain me.

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Please know that I deeply appreciate the accommodations that you and the Court have granted to me as my illness has progressed. This kindness reinforces my belief that this Court is comprised of uniquely good and decent people who I will dearly miss.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin M. Doctoroff", written in a cursive style.

Martin M. Doctoroff

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